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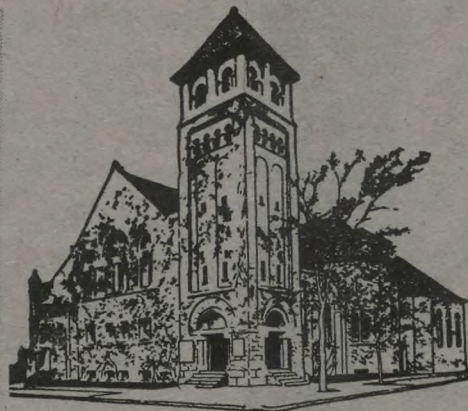
Cedar Hill Baptist Church

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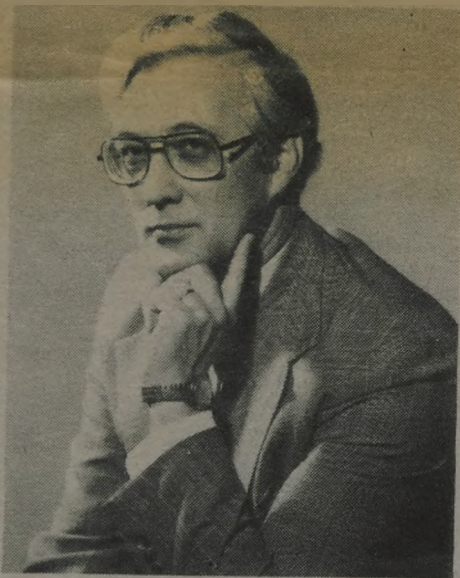


1892-1923



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Today... CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
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Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106



Pastor David Moore

Saturday evening, December 31st began the Centennial events of Cedarville Hill Baptist, Cleveland. During the Watchnight Service, Dr. John Balyo, former pastor, and Pastor David Moore reminisced regarding Cedar Hill. Dr. Balyo brought the Centennial Keynote Message on Sunday morning, January 1st.

The program for the Centennial year announces "Cedar Hill To Observe The Past." Introducing this year, we find these words, "On November 24th, 1984, our church family will have completed one hundred years of service to the Lord. Although one hundred years is an insignificant span when compared to eternity, those years have seen our church family remain steadfast in God's Word in spite of the extreme pressures and changes of our world."

The calendar of events for the year include highlights each month. January will find Dr. Donn Ketcham speaking; February, Dr. Allan Lewis; April, an International Dinner; May, June, and July will

see the return of former members Larry Fetzer, Richard Neale, and Ronald Graef, to share in the Word. October will highlight an Evangelistic Conference with Dr. Paul Dixon and also a Prophecy Conference with Dr. John Whitcomb. November 25th, a missionary emphasis, presenting the missionaries of Cedar Hill and the world. On January 5th, 1985, Dr. Moore will present "A Milestone In The Ministry."

The program says, "Our steadfastness lies in our acceptance in the Bible as the Word of God, infallible, accurate, free from error, and the only acceptable guide for all persons under all circumstances in life. Our doctrine is Bible based, Christ centered, life related. The Lord blessed our steadfastness from our very beginning."

In his introduction, Dr. Moore writes, "We enter the new century and assume the large responsibilities with humility.... The Psalmist said, 'Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it.' This is where we stand as we celebrate our 100th year."

Lincolns Crucial Faith

A few days before his death Lincoln told of the way in which the peace of Heaven stole into his heart. "When I left Springfield, I asked the people to pray for me; I was not a Christian. When I buried my son - the severest trial of my life - I was not a Christian. But when I went to Gettysburg and saw the graves of thousands of our soldiers, I then and there consecrated myself to Christ."

With tears in his eyes he told his friends that he had at last found the faith he had longed for. He realized he said, that his heart was changed, and that he loved the Savior. The President had come to the cross!

Serving Faith,



J. A.

Rev. J. A. Beck, is the new pastor of Streetsboro. The church welcomed him as he began his duties on Sunday, December 4.

Pastor Beckett, originally from Portsmouth, graduated from Bob Jones University. After serving a year as assistant in Columbus at Calvary Bible Church, he began further studies at Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, Pennsylvania. While there, he served as Student Body President. He graduated from seminary in 1977. While in seminary, he served on the staff of Grace Bible Church, Souder-ton, Pennsylvania. Before coming to Streetsboro, he pastored for six years at the Corydon Bible Church in Corydon, Iowa.

Mrs. Beckett, Joan, is also a native of Ohio. They met while students at Bob Jones. The Becketts have two daughters: Katie, 5, and Becca, 3.

Temple, Portsmouth Calls Pastor

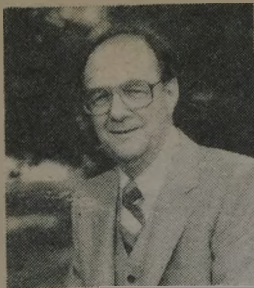


Rev. and Mrs. John Gowdy

Rev. John Gowdy has accepted the call to pastor Temple Baptist, Portsmouth. Although he is their new pastor, he is not new to Temple. Brother Gowdy has served the past three years as Youth Pastor at Temple, but also has been a member of Temple for 15 years.

Pastor Gowdy was saved under the ministry of Rev. Wilbur Parrish in 1968 when Pastor Parrish was assistant pastor at Temple. He is a graduate of Tennessee Temple.

Pastor and Mrs. Gowdy, Leigh, have a daughter, Elizabeth Anne. Mrs. Gowdy is a graduate of Cedarville College.



The Representative's Spot

"Pride cometh before the fall." "Confession is good for the soul." Even editors are fallible.

The last issue of the O.I.B. carried an article titled "The New Year and Creativity." This was written a number of weeks before publication and, even when set, put on the page, and proof read, I did not realize the last paragraph and conclusion was not there. Usually when we proof read, we read just for errors and mistakes, not for copy.

Although the article read like it was ended, it really did not zero in on the original conclusion. I am sure you have thrown the last issue away and I cannot spare the space to reprint the entire article. So, here is the part left out - the conclusion. Even editors make mistakes.

- Let's not criticize the pastor and people who do not run the same service as yours. I have said for a number of years that possibly some day we may have to rethink Sunday School. When I say that, some call me a "liberal." I resent such thinking. Do we really have to have Sunday evening youth groups or meetings? In our last church I suggested and began to move to changing our Sunday evening service into our weekly prayer meeting. Yes, the entire Sunday evening service. What about Wednesday? That service would be planned to reach out and touch the unsaved. I just finished a refreshing three days at Immanuel in Arcanum with a conference called a "Thankerence," highlighting and pushing praise and thanksgiving. Creative? Yes, and different. Liberal-liturgical? Far from it.

Please do not change for change sake, but don't be afraid of a bit of creativity. "If a man lacks wisdom, let him ask of God." Beloved pastor, think! "We are created in the image of God." "Be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." That will produce creativity. Creativity that does not need to copy the world because it is non-conforming.

It is a new year. Will we as O.A.R.B.C. churches move ahead, progress, encourage, attract, enthuse, be positive, and begin to see an impact made in our communities? Or will next year at this time we continue because "that's the way we've always done it."

I finish the quote given toward the beginning of this article:

"All we need to do is claim God's power to fulfill God's image in us and we can thrill again to the continual renewing of our minds. All things can become new."

The Financial Picture

We are thankful for the churches listed below who have considered the financial need of the Association and the O.I.B. This is always an encouragement. Others of you continue on a regular basis to give. Possibly we have missed some who have begun or increased their giving. Please let us know.

As a part of the Association, we would ask all of you to consider having at least a small part in the outreach of the O.A.R.B.C. and the publication of the O.I.B. If there are questions about the financial picture, get them to us. We will be glad to get the answer. Expenses for the first quarter (Oct.-Dec.) slightly exceed our income. (That is totally.) The O.I.B. is always in a deficit. This means we have "eaten" a bit into our cash balance.

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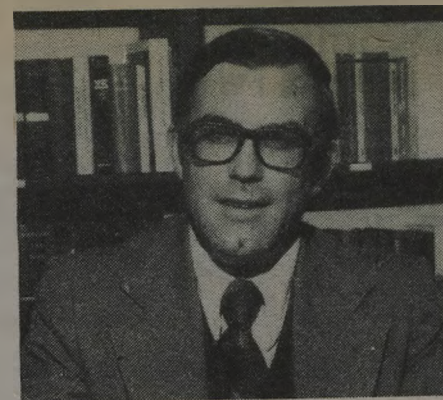
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Know Your Council

Tom Wright Jr.

Memorial,
Columbus



"I have never pastored a church outside the Ohio Fellowship . . ." That is a distinction of Pastor Tom Wright, another of our new members of the Council of 12. Pastor Wright is serving for the first time on the Council.

Previous to coming to Memorial, Columbus four years ago, Brother Wright was pastor of Grace Baptist, Minford, for ten years and Bible Baptist, Girard, for two and one half years. Pastor Wright graduated from Moody Bible Institute and also attended Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary.

His favorite Bible verse may be a key to much he has written about his life and ministry. That verse is Isaiah 50:4:

"The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary."

Pastor Wright's father, Tom Wright, Sr., was also for many years in the Ohio Fellowship when pastoring churches in western Pennsylvania and in Ohio. This will help to understand his call to the Lord's service.

"While a first year student at Moody Bible Institute, the Lord began dealing with my heart concerning the ministry. I am ashamed to admit that I resisted that convicting work of the Holy Spirit for a time. My reason was flimsy. I was fearful that people would think my decision to be a pastor was predicated upon the fact that my father was a pastor. But through the conviction of the Word of God, I was left with a sense of compulsion to the ministry. I felt and still sense that compulsion of being hemmed into this calling - might I add delightfully so. I have no doubt that God has called me to the ministry. I will not tell you that there are times when other things appear more attractive, but always as I pick up the Bible, I sense that compulsion. I cannot escape - And who would want to! Paul's words haunted me as a young man wrestling with conviction about the ministry, and they still speak to me: 'Woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel!' God has nothing else for me. I know that and am content in that knowledge!"

The Wrights, including Mrs. Wright (Sue) have four children: Lori, Lianne, Tommy, and Bethany. Mrs. Wright is a registered nurse, not presently working, but is a "homemaker and helpmate in the ministry." Brother Wright says, "She

is God's gift to me. A sharer of my failures, and a delightful companion in ministry!"

We ask our Council members to give some thoughts regarding our State Fellowship, The Council, etc. Brother Wright looks at this in regard to his life.

"I have appreciated the men I have come to know through the years in the Ohio Fellowship. I have never pastored a church outside of the Ohio Fellowship so have no comparison scale to measure from personal experience. I have found an open concern for my ministry as a young pastor among the men in this State. Early on in my ministry men such as Pastors Fred Hussey, Ed Beckley, Frank Odor, Don Winters, Hugh Hall, Andy Marsteller, and above all, my pastor (and father) Tom Wright, Sr. impressed me as men serious about the ministry. I watched these men thru blessing and trial, and they just stuck! I believe young men need to see consistent stability among the older men in our Fellowship. We have had that in the past from men in the State. Another fact that characterized these men in my early contact was the careful regard for the people under their care. I never heard any of these men speak disparagingly of their people or church officers. That impressed me! I have come to believe, as a result of seeing this in example, in a high caliber of pastoral care for the people. I was left with the distinct impression that I was not to be a professional, but a pastor. How I have appreciated the distinction as I have grown in the Lord. One last observation. In my contact with our Fellowship, there still seems to be that sense of 'the Word above all.' What a thing to strengthen the bond we need to forcefully carry out the tasks of the ministry."

What are Pastor Wright's future desires and aims?

"Most pressing upon my heart is the investing of my life in my children and others under my influence to draw them into the knowledge of a delightful walk with the Lord! I find few these days that find walking with God a delightful thing. Too often we are overpressed with the burdens, and blind to the blessings!"

Take a moment to pray for this new member of the Council of 12. Make this a regular habit and listing on your prayer reminder.

Deacon Training Seminars

Deacon Training Seminars will be held again this year at Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville on April 28. The Deacon Training Seminars are provided as a training service to sister churches by Calvary Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Three members of the pastoral staff and a deacon have developed a team-teaching approach and presentation in order to share with other what God is doing at Calvary. The Deacon Caring Ministry has proven to be a vital part of the growth and development of Christian maturity at the church. The Deacon Training Seminar concepts and methods are presently in

use, finding their roots in Scripture and practice. The Bible study Seminar is a new feature that provides approximately six hours of training in how to do personal Bible study. This unique seminar will equip laymen and women to grow spiritually through the study of God's Word.

Preregistration fee is \$14.00 for individuals; \$19 for couples. For registration brochures, write Grace Baptist Church, Box 12, Cedarville (45314). The seminars begin at 9:00 a.m. and run till 3:00 p.m. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served by the host church for a small charge.

A Computer In The Classroom

by David C. Dunkin

How would you like to team-teach your Sunday School with a bona fide "Man of the Year"? We've been doing it for over a year at Rochester Baptist. The Man of the Year isn't flesh and blood and, contrary to popular opinion, he isn't superhuman either. He (or more accurately, it) is the personal computer which was named 1982 Man of the Year by Time magazine. And we have found that it is one secular "hero" who fits rather comfortably into a church setting.

Although the computer is a tremendous asset in business-type applications (we use it for preparing financial reports and correspondence), it also has a place in the classroom. Here's how we use it.

1. Sunday School. Here it serves primarily as a pre-session activity. We set the computer in a central area where all the early arrivers have access to it. Because of the wide range of ages, only general Bible stories and characters are the subjects of the questions.

2. AWANA. We have used it as a pre-session and handbook time activity. The questions posed by the computer usually deal with material in the club entrance tests. This helps the ones who are learning it and is also a good review for those who already passed.

3. Vacation Bible School. This is our most elaborate application of computer teaching. Since our school is organized around a learning center arrangement, we just included a computer center. The questions posed by the computer deal with the Bible story of the day and the responses give us a good indication of how well the lesson was taught. This center was understandably so popular that we made completion of work in other centers a prerequisite to entrance to this center!

What types of programs did we use? We have developed several different formats for a variety of subjects. There are game-type programs, such as Noah's Navigator (true/false responses) which give the teacher the option of using questions provided with the program or entering his/her own questions tailored to the lesson for the day. Then we have other programs that cover just one area, such as Books of the Bible which teaches the order and organization of the Bible. Our Verse series presents a third type of teaching format. This fill-in-the-blank approach to Scripture memorization covers popular passages in the Psalms and New Testament. There is also the

option to add your own set of verses. High resolution graphics allows for the detailed maps used in our 'Journeys of Paul' series which teach the geography of the missionary ventures of Acts.

We have been delighted in our team-teaching experience with our computer. Children (and even adults) have responded enthusiastically. If you are interested in using it as a teaching tool, we would be happy to assist you.

P.S. The cost of a computer for teaching purposes is always a question. Our programs are written for "low end" or inexpensive machines such as the Radio Shack Color Computer and Commodore Vic-20 and 64. And the church did not buy a computer. We just transport our's to and from home when it is needed.

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Baptist Institute Cleveland Begins Spring Term

Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland will begin its Spring Semester February 13 with classes meeting each Monday from 7:00 to 10:15 p.m. at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church in Cleveland. Classes will include O.T. Types, Bible Doctrine, Epistle to the Hebrews, Isaiah, Christian Missions, Beginner's Greek, N.T. Survey, Bible Hermeneutics, and II Corinthians. Instructors include John Cook, John Gayer, Roland Globig, Jon Greve, Ralph Lenz, David Moore, Ted Smetters, and the Staff of Baptist Mid-Missions. Baptist Bible Institute is completing its 42nd year in Cleveland. Fall semester enrollment reached 135. The Institute is

administered by a Board of Trustees composed of pastors and laymen from fundamental, separated, independent Baptist churches in the Cleveland area. President of B.B.I. is Dr. Gerald V. Smelser.

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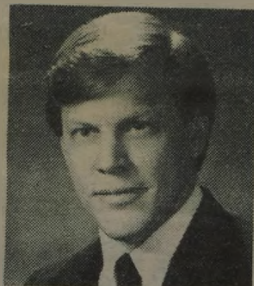
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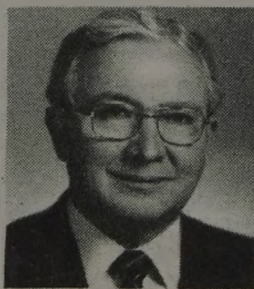
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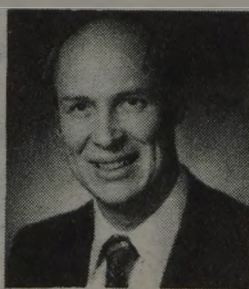
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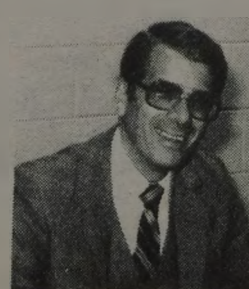
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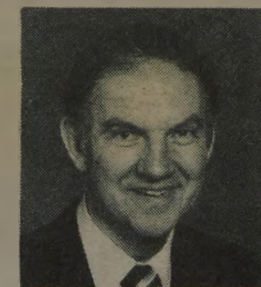
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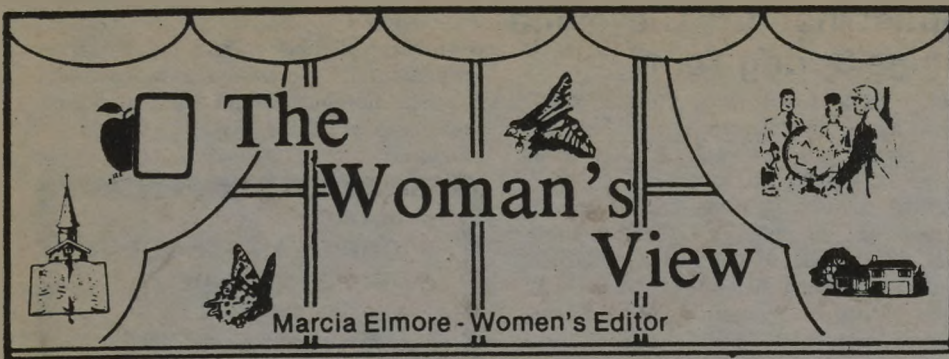
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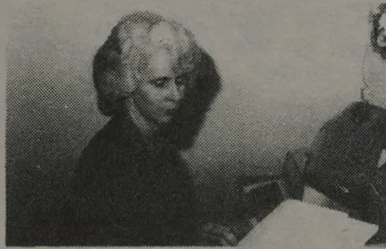
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"Put On A New Binding"



While reading the third chapter of Colossians recently, specifically verses five through fourteen, my concentration rested heavily on verse fourteen. After putting off "the old man with his deeds", we are to "put on the new man", which is to be renewed in the knowledge of Christ. Then verse fourteen states, "above all these things put on charity (love), which is the bond of perfectness". We understand that perfectness is maturity, full development, or as one writer put it, "put on love which binds everything together in perfect harmon."

As I continued thinking of verse fourteen, my mind went to my daughter and the job she has had over the past three Summers in a book bindery. Many schools and libraries from several states send their books to be re-bound by a machine process to Crawford Bindery. They also re-bind Bibles by a hand process. Our Church hymnals were re-bound by this company, and they really do "appear new". As I researched the machine process, I found that there were some eighteen procedures the books go through to make them look new. The old backs are cut off, the old glue scraped off.... old things must be "put off". During the first stage of re-binding, the book goes through a process of adhesion (united together), being re-sewn, and glued. New cover sheets are then put on the book and it goes through a cutting machine, at which time the pages are trimmed to size with the cover sheet. There are several other machine processes the book goes through with board covers, material covers, end sheets, then the final cover. The book now goes through a hydraulic press which applies heat and does the final cementing together, followed by leaning and inspection. The book is completed, and it does "appear new" to the viewer.

With this illustration in mind (which is to be used only as a picture of the Christian's outward evidence of Christ's work within), and the application of the Scripture, I wondered if the reason we often do not "appear new" is because we are not bound together with that fruit of the Spirit, love. This of course should include all areas of our lives: Our love to Christ; our family (sometime being the hardest area); our brothers and sisters in Christ; our jobs; and lost individuals. I Corinthians thirteen adds this light on the subject of love, stressing that no matter what we have accomplished in our lives and ministries, unless it is governed or bound together by love, we are nothing and it profiteth nothing.

I recently read an article lamenting the fact that the church has strayed far from its intended purposes, especially in the area of love for the brethren and love for the lost. People do not know that we are disciples because there is not strong enough outward evidence. Concerning the lost it read, "In a revival in Korea a few years ago, the converts were filled with such a burning love to Christ that they felt bound to tell others of His love. It was even taken as a test of membership that each one should have brought another to the Lord before being admitted to the local church." Pause and think on that.

Love is not, and I really must say, can not be divorced from the other instruction in the Colossians passage. Let us consider the putting off of sin, increasing in the knowledge of Christ, and adding to our lives Christ-like characteristics as the valuable pages of the book, then the love of Christ in and through us as the binding. As Christians in this Twentieth Century, we need to pray that under the "hydraulic Press" (the application of great power by means of water) of God's Word and His Spirit, we would be bound together by love so that we would "appear new" and genuine to those around us.

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South Bethel Fellowship

The South Bethel Ladies Fellowship will meet March 13 at Blessed Hope Baptist Church, 315 S. Kensington Place, Springfield at 10:00 A.M.

Speaker for the morning session will be Mr. Charles Monroe, Executive Director of Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries of Ohio. His subject will be "God's Miraculous Ministry." The afternoon session will feature Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mayo of the Children's Home.

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Women's Spring Retreat At Salt Fork

Dear Ladies,

Spring will arrive March 20. We would like to extend to you a very special invitation to attend the annual Spring Retreat at Salt Fork Lodge, March 22-23.

Our theme for the retreat is "... the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). We are excited to have Mrs. Merle Brock as our speaker. She is the wife of our State Representative, Bill Brock, and works also with the Ohio Independent Baptist Newspaper. Mrs. Brock has been used of the Lord formerly as a Pastor's wife, and now to many ladies in our churches. She will be a challenge and a blessing to you.

Mrs. Darlene Murdoch will be our "music director" for the retreat. Darlene has traveled extensively with her husband, Dave, doing concerts, special meetings, and ministering at family camps. She will do a great job helping us to make a "joyful noise unto the Lord."

Bernice Mick will again present Cedarville College as she brings to us a selection of books and other items of interest.

Looking forward to seeing you at the retreat,

For Your Information

PACKAGE PLAN: Thursday evening dinner; Friday morning buffet breakfast; Deluxe motel service-all linens provided.

THINGS TO BRING: Bible, notebook, bathing suit, personal items. Please bring cookies or fresh fruit for our Thursday evening snack time. If you have a skit, song, poem, etc. for the Fun Time Thursday evening, please inform your retreat chairman (before retreat) as to what you will be doing.

REGISTRATION: Thursday 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. (On your own for lunch) The Lodge has agreed to open the Dining Hall at 11:00 A.M. to accommodate our group of ladies. Please indicate on the registration form if you plan on having lunch at the Lodge on Thursday. The first scheduled meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday. The retreat ends at noon on Friday.

RESERVATIONS: Total charge per person is \$33.00 for 4 or 5 in a room, \$35.00 for 3 in a room; \$43.00 for 2 in a room. Full amount for each person is due when mailing in reservation list. (Your church should have received already in mail) Reservations are transferable within your church. Some rooms may not be available for occupancy until 1:00 P.M. Those wishing a private room must make your own reservation with the Lodge and inform our registrar. Also, if you plan to arrive Wednesday evening, you must notify our registrar in advance. Registration list, plus money for each person listed is due by MARCH 5th. Please type or PRINT all information legibly. Make all checks payable to Norma Nulph, 1521 Wilmar, Cleveland Hgts., OH., 44121.

CRAFT ROOM: We would like to have ladies bring different crafts you made to display - (needlework, macrame, sewing, flower arranging, stained glass, Christmas ornaments, quilts, etc.). Be sure that your name is on the item.



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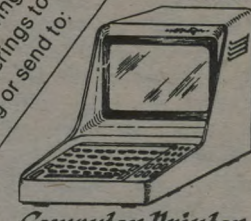


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Taking
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Look

AT
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"Is Your Church Attractive?"

This column has elicited comments from two sides. Pastors say, "What you write about is really what our members should consider and think about." Those of our churches say, "What you write about is really what pastor needs to be interested in." You can almost see a dead end.

I would like to think it is that simple. But I also have pastors tell me they are interested in trying some things but their people will not change and so nothing can be done. The people in the pew tell me pastor is not interested. Beloved, I have a difficult time with all of that kind of thinking. I cannot imagine a pastor who cannot encourage his people to try some new things and I also cannot imagine people who will not work with a pastor in looking for improvement. What is the answer?

For a few lines in this issue, let me ask you to consider a general question. I have asked this of a few pastors and people. The question - Do you ever ask why you are doing something that is being done in your church or in the service?

I guess the easiest example of this question is the services. As Baptists, we "pride" ourselves in not being traditional. But do our services ever change? Or are they always the same procedure and the same order? Are our services really traditional? If you sing the Doxology on Sunday morning, why do you sing it? Does it really mean anything or add anything to the service? Or is it just a habit? Why do we pray at the same spot every week in our services? Is it really Biblical praying or habit? What is the purpose of praying in a service? Do we really need to? Do people in the service "pray along" as one person prays audibly? Or do they think of other things? I know some of you are going to say, "We are worshipping when we do these things." But is it worship or is it habit?

Why do we sing in our services? Why do we always sing at the beginning of our services? Couldn't we do our singing at the end? Possibly it would be better to sing after the teaching of the Word. We might "feel" more like doing it.

Now, in all of these questions to get you to think, most of you know I am not for radical change for change's sake, but I honestly believe we should occasionally ask ourselves "Why?" Has your mid-week prayer service ever changed its format? The question is - Is it really prayer meeting?

I would challenge pastors to look at what you are doing in the churches - not just the services - and ask yourselves, "Why are we doing this?" Can you honestly find a benefit, a Biblical principle, or are you doing it because "that's what we've always done?"

When we get the answer to our "why?" we may see the need for some changes. And such changes could make the Lord's work more attractive and appealing to everyone.

As you read the Word, take a look at two words - The words "encourage" (comfort) and "edify." These two words may be the key to our "why?" If we can be sure that everything we do will "encourage" and "edify," we might be on the right track.

Let's take a look at our churches!

Addition to Emmanuel, Toledo Staff



Mr. Jerry Littlejohn

Dr. Ernest Pickering, pastor of Emmanuel, Toledo, announced the addition to staff of Mr. Jerry Littlejohn as Assistant to the Pastor in Christian Education.

Since 1981, Mr. Littlejohn has been teaching Bible at Emmanuel Baptist Christian School and has assisted in the youth ministry of the church.

Mr. Littlejohn is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa. He is currently studying at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary.

Mr. Littlejohn and his wife, Beth, have three daughters - Rachel, Rebekah, and Ruth.

From The Book

A look at Psalm 37
(Given occasionally in the churches by the State Rep.)

- I. **THE PROBLEM (versel)**
"Fretting - especially because of observing the unbeliever"
- II. **THE SOLUTION - Note the order**
 - A. **TRUST** (Have faith (Vs. 3)
Faith is basis of activity not anxiety.
 1. Do Good (not sit down and wait) James 4:17.

- III. **RESULT.**
 - A. **REST** (Relax) Vs. 7.
Don't struggle
Just follow formula.
Note this rest - possibly synonymous with:

2. Promise

- a. "So shall thou dwell in the land."
- b. "thou shalt be fed"

B. DELIGHT (verse 4)

"Thyself" - you do it
"Also" - in addition to faith and "do" (vs. 3)

1. Promise - Gives desires.

C. COMMIT (What?) (vs. 5)

"Walk" - Daily living.
Confidence in God.

1. Promise - Vs. 6.

Note: You cannot commit to someone in whom you do not delight. You cannot delight in someone you do not trust.

Jer. 6:16, Matt. 11:29, Heb. 4:9-11

LEARN THESE WORDS IN THIS ORDER:

TRUST - DELIGHT - COMMIT - RELAX

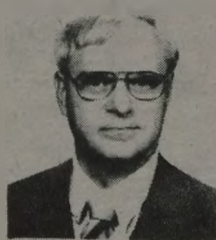
1. The wonder of its formation - the way it grew is one of the mysteries of time.
2. The wonder of its unification - a library of 66 books, yet one book.
3. The wonder of its age - most ancient

ORDER:

TRUST - DELIGHT - COMMIT - RELAX

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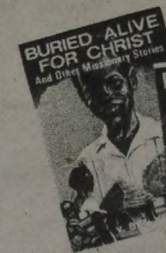
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An appreciation banquet for all Sunday School teachers, officers, and workers was held in the church gym. Wives and husbands were also invited, with approximately seventy (70) in attendance.

Jim Scott, Sunday School Superintendent, and his wife, Peggy, Sunday School Secretary, introduced each teacher and gave the number of years each had served.

The guest speaker for the program was Rev. Fred Mann, Pastor of Berean Baptist Church, Sciotoville, Ohio.

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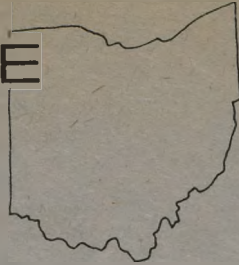
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AND CALENDARS RECEIVED
DO WE RECEIVE YOURS?



AKRON
First
Dec. 18 - Ernest Bloom, pastor
25 - Play: "Holly's Christmas Runaway"
Jan. 1 - Cantata, "The Joyous News of Christmas"
8 - Service conducted by young people
Cedarville College Abundant Life Singers

AMHERST
Faith
Dec. 31 - Robert Barrett, pastor
New Year's Eve Service
Film: "Greater Than Gold"
Feb. 10, 11 - Couples Retreat with Pastor Joseph Stowell III

ASHLAND
Calvary
Dec. 18 - William Moser, pastor
31 - Cantata, "An Old Fashioned Christmas"
New Year's Eve Service
Film: "John Wesley"
Jan. 15 - Rev. Curtis Thomas of Haven of Rest

BEDFORD
Bible
Dec. 18 - William Davis, pastor
Jan. 1 - Sunday School Program, "A Christian Adaptation of A Christmas Carol"
9 - Special evening musical program
14 - Remodeling on the sanctuary began
28 - Downhill Ski at Alpine Valley
New Members' Banquet

BELLEFONTAINE
Calvary
Dec. 17 - Barry Grahl, pastor
18 - Peggy Bush Concert, "Christmas Celebration"
Jan. 9 - Cantata, "Ring The Bells"
29 - Roller Skating Party
Sounds of Joy, Cedarville College ladies trio
Feb. 17 - Valentine Banquet

BEREA
Berea
Dec. 18 - Christmas Cantata
Farewell Fellowship for Pastor and Mrs. Hauser
Jan. 8, 15 - Rev. Leigh Adams
22 - Rev. Bob Greene
29 - Dr. Donn Ketcham

BERLIN HEIGHTS
Berlin Heights
Jan. 12 - Jack McCullough, pastor
Men's Breakfast
Feb. 11 - Sweetheart Breakfast
COMING: 13 - Roller Skating

BLANCHESTER
First
Jan. 15 - Bradley Quick, pastor
18 - Pastor Hackney
Don Hughes
Choir Minifellowship
Feb. 28 - Ordination Council for Pastor Hackney

BLUFFTON
Riley Creek
Jan. 1 - Harold Guthrie, pastor
11 - Film: "Face In The Mirror"
15 - Missionary Bill Damick
Harvest Productions

BOWLING GREEN
First
Jan. 8 - Philip Vine, pastor
20 - Tom and Karin Benefiel, missionaries to Brazil
29 - Young people's ski outing
Youth in charge of evening service

BROOK PARK
Mid-Brook
Dec. 16 - David Knudson, pastor
25 - Ken and Marge Starett, AWANA missionaries
Food shower for the Starett's
Candlelight Service
Jan. 9 - Roller Skating
22 - Cedarville College Swordbearers

BYESVILLE
Calvary
Dec. 18 - Kenneth Pugh, pastor
29 - Cantata, "Christmas Is Love"
Daytime Activities Time for boys and girls
Jan. 7 - Family Roller Skating Party
22 - Mr. Charles Patton, Gideons International

CALDWELL
New Harmony
Dec. 17 - Milton Barkley, pastor
18 - Adult Christmas Banquet
31 - Annual Christmas Program
Watch Night Service
Potluck supper, Film: "Telling Kelly"
Spk: Dr. Wm. Brock, State Representative
Jan. 1 - Dr. Wm. Brock

CANAL FULTON
Canal Fulton
Dec. 20 - George Stitz, pastor
31 - Youth Christmas Caroling
Jan. 16 - Watch Night Service
27 - Roller Skating
Teen Activity Night

CANTON
Grace
January - Bill Anderson, pastor
Jan. 1 - Stewardship Month
Rev. Clarence "Butch" Fisher, missionary to Australia
16 - Family Skate Night

Perry
Dec. 25 - Gordon Roloff, pastor
Cantata, "First Christmas"
Festival of Christmas Hymns
Jan. 16 - Family Roller Skate
22 - Rev. Ron DeJong, Australia

Whipple Avenue
Dec. 18 - John Moosey, pastor
22 - Christmas Program and Fellowship
All-church caroling
Jan. 29 - Singspiration
Feb. 3 - AWANA Grand Prix
COMING: Feb. 11 - "Valentine Mystery" Banquet

CLEVELAND
Brookside
Dec. 24 - George O'Keefe, pastor
25 - Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Cantata, "The Gift"

Cedar Hill
Dec. 11 - David Moore, pastor
18 - Choir Musicale, excerpts from "Messiah"
31 - Bible School Christmas Program
Watch Night Service
Special Guests, Dr. and Mrs. John Balyo
Dr. Balyo, president of Western Baptist College

COMING:
15 - Rev. Jan Gazdik, missionary to Quebec
18 - Rev. Paul Tidball
Slide presentation, "Barcelona to Berlin"
21 - Day of Prayer
27-29 - Dr. and Mrs. Donn Ketcham, missionaries to Bangladesh
Feb. 12 - Dr. Allan Lewis, President Emeritus of B.M.M.

COLUMBUS
Immanuel
Jan. 1 - William Abernathy, pastor
11 - Zac Wilcox, former assistant
Commissioning service for Marea and Larry Smith, short-term missionaries to Jamaica
28 - AWANA Grand Prix

Maranatha
Dec. 18 - Bruce Snyder, pastor
Christmas Concert, "... And to the Lamb Forever"
Memorial
Dec. 21 - Tom Wright, pastor
Presentation by Dianne Goble on MAP ministry in Japan
Jan. 11 - Tom Farlow, ABWE missionary to Brazil

28 - AWANA Grand Prix
29 - Rev. Larry Smith, short-term missionary to Jamaica under B.M.M.
Pine Hills
Dec. 18 - Loren Schenck, pastor
21 - Refreshment Fellowship Time
25 - Candlelight Christmas Celebration
Morning Christmas Service

COMMERCIAL POINT
Welch Road
Dec. 25 - Leslie Newell, pastor
Albert Armitage
January - Stewardship Month
Jan. 1 - New Year's Potluck Dinner
18 - Rock Music Seminar with Rev. Kirby Lancaster

CUYAHOGA FALLS
Graham Road
COMING: Feb. 18 - Winter Sunday School Picnic with Curt Thomas

DAYTON
County Line
Dec. 31 - Carl Stephenson, pastor
Watch Night Service
Film: "Regular Guy"

Washington Heights
Dec. 25 - Larry Fetzer, pastor
Evening Candlelight Service
Jan. 28 - Hosted Southwest Area Teen Film Night
Film: "Coach," starring Cedarville College's own Dave Robey
Feb. 10 - Adult Sweetheart Banquet
24-25 - Winter Teen Retreat

DUNDEE
Lakeview
Dec. 18 - Robert Veenhuis, pastor
Christmas program, "Christmas Alphabet"
Jan. 1 - Film and Fellowship
21 - Family Skate

ELYRIA
Abbe Road
Dec. 18 - James Turner, pastor
Sunday School Christmas Program, "Taking a Journey"
Cantata, "King of Love"
24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Jan. 7 - AWANA Grand Prix
COMING: Feb. 19 - 20th Anniversary Sunday Dinner and Concert by "David's Harp"

First
Dec. 11 - Dr. Ben Kendrick, BMM Deputation Coordinator
18 - Sunday School Program, "And Then There Was Light"
Rev. Leigh Adams, BMM North American Secretary
24 - Cantata, "Old Fashioned Christmas"
Jan. 22 - Christmas Eve Communion Service
Rev. Bradley Quick

EUCLID
Euclid-Nottingham
Jan. 1 - Donald McClintick, pastor
Potluck Dinner
Review of 1983 - slides
Film: "John Wesley"
15 - ABWE missionary Leon Small
21 - Bowling Fellowship
28 - AWANA Grand Prix

FAIRBORN
Grand Avenue
Dec. 17 - Randall Tate, pastor
18 - Adult Progressive Supper
Cantata, "Born A King"

FINDLAY
First
Jan. 8 - Richard Pettitt, pastor
Cedarville College Swordbearers

FOSTORIA
Fostoria
Dec. 24 - Vernon Billington, pastor
25 - Christmas Eve musical service
Church Family Musical
Jan. 8 - Began "Focus On The Family" film series

GALION
First
Dec. 18 - John Dantuma, pastor
Christmas Cantata, "Have You Any Room for Jesus?"
31 - Family New Year's Eve
January began 125th Anniversary of First Baptist
Jan. 8 - Cedarville College Trio
15 - Historical Sunday
Display of pictures, Bibles, and records

GALLIPOLIS
Faith
Dec. 18 - Lynn Lahaie, pastor
Bible School Christmas Program, "The Three Gifts of Christmas"
21 - Choir caroling
24 - Christmas Eve Service
30 - Film: "Survival"

First
Dec. 18 - Joseph Godwin, pastor
Jan. 1 - Cantata, "The Bells of Christmas"
Announced goal made of "Debt Free in Eighty-three!"
17 - Cedarville College trip

GALLOWAY
Alton Road
Dec. 30 - Thomas Waldo, pastor
Winter Banquet
Film: "Ordinary Guy"

GRAFTON
Midview
Jan. 22 - Thayne Bodenmiller, pastor
COMING: Feb. 25, 26 - Cedarville College Swordbearers

HINCKLEY
Hinckley Ridge
Dec. 11 - James Edmundson, pastor
18 - Cantata, "Carol of Christmas"
Sunday School Christmas Program, "There Must Be A Reason For Christmas"
20 - All-church Christmas caroling
24 - Christmas Eve Service

HOMEWORTH
Mount Pleasant
Dec. 18 - Lee Grosh, pastor
21 - Cantata, "The Carol of Christmas"
Caroling and distribution of fruit baskets
31 - Watch Night Service and Fellowship
Jan. 25 - Ron and Christine Self, missionaries to Argentina, ABWE
Carry-in dinner
Feb. 11 - Valentine Banquet

JAMESTOWN
Shawnee Hills
Dec. 18 - Dennis Henderson, pastor
Christmas Program, "A Picture of Bethlehem"
21 - Christmas Caroling
25 - Christmas Candlelight Service
Teacher Training Seminar
Jan. 12, 14 - Game Night Church Social
14 - Winter Bible Series, "More Like The Master" with Dr. Hugh Horner
22-25 - Feb. 11 - Sweetheart Banquet
12 - Abundant Life Singers from Cedarville College

JOHNSTOWN
Independent
Dec. 11 - Marvin Clark, pastor
25 - Ann Wahlgren, missionary to Japan
31 - Choir, "Carols of the King"
Watch Night Service
Jan. 22 - Film: "God's Prison Gang"

LAGRANGE
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31 - Christmas Eve

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Hand, pastor Pad the Pantry shower and Mrs. Hand Gifts For Jesus to mission family in music</p> <p>Charles Alexander, pastor Eve Service Maranatha Baptist, to Masters" Power for the Walborns, Maranatha</p> <p>Henry Halblaub, pastor Turning Ceremony Colors of Christmas" Many Voices" Entner and family, mis- sionaries College Swordbearers John Lawhead, pastor Brock, State Repre- sentative Christmas Banquet Caroling</p> <p>David Morris, pastor Parr, Cedarville College Program Caroling Eve Service John Hus"</p> <p>Frank Chittock, pastor Missionary Fellowship Party Kenneth Good School Christmas Program Church Annual Banquet</p> <p>Thomas Brennan, pastor Program, "Nights of Card Sunday Eve Candlelight Service at Service Women's Missionary Fellow- ship Rever</p> <p>Clyde Albertson, pastor Service Penelope Gang" College Master Puppets</p> <p>Deffenbaugh, pastor People's Watch Night Activity Candlelight Service</p> <p>David Truit, pastor Team with music, Bible messages</p> <p>Harry Ramsey, pastor Christmas Banquet Honoring Christ's birth Caroling Service Fellowship, music, slides</p> <p>Hoyt Douglas, pastor Christ Is Born" Eve Smorgasbord Service The Prison Gang" Cantata</p> <p>Merlyn Jones, pastor Christmas Program Special Kind of Love" Dan Thoen Eve Service</p>	<p>Jan. 15 - Charles Monroe, Ohio Baptist Chil- dren's Home and Family Ministries 22 - Film: "Greater Than Gold" Feb. 10 - Sweetheart Banquet</p> <p>NEW MATAMORAS Harmony Hill Randall Nelson, pastor Dec. 18 - Christmas Program 25 - Special Christmas Service Jan. 29 - Parents' Night in AWANA COMING: Feb. 18, 19 - Cedarville College Swordbearers</p> <p>NEWARK Bible Karl Stelzer, pastor Jan. 1 - New Year's Lunch - Communion - Early evening service 21 - AWANA Grand Prix 28 - Adult Fellowship - Bowling and Fondue COMING: Feb. 19-22 - Annual Missionary Conference with B.M.M.</p> <p>NILES First G. Ben Reed, pastor Dec. 18 - Sunday School Program 31 - New Year's Eve Service Film: "Heavenly Deception" Jan. 21 - Film: "Sheffey" 28-Feb. 1 - Missionary Conference with Brad and Dorothea Weyant, Doug and Sally Couch, and Harold and Melody Davis</p> <p>NORTH JACKSON Bailey Road Dec. 18 - Dr. Ben Kendrick, BMM Deputation Coordinator 25 - Rev. Evan Gough, BMM Field Ad- ministrator Jan. 1 - Leigh Adams, BMM North America Administrator 7 - Adult Bowling Banquet 15 - Dr. Raymond Buck, president of Baptist Mid-Missions</p> <p>NORTH MADISON Bible Roland Globig, pastor Jan. 9 - Christian Skate 12 - Paul Schneider, missionary to Ghana under B.M.M.</p> <p>NORTHFIELD Northfield Lynn Rogers, pastor Dec. 4 - Farewell service for Polly Strong 10 - Adult Holiday Banquet, "Christmas Around the World" Spk: Drew Baker 18 - Sunday School Program, "Carols of Christmas" 24 - Candlelight Service 31 - Family Prayer Breakfast New Year's Eve Service Jan. 23 - Workers' Conference with Sylvia Burger 26 - Will and Estate Planning with Bob Auckland</p> <p>NORWALK Norwalk Leonard Goodwin, pastor Jan. 1 - Film: "Hudson Taylor" 27 - Choir Party 29 - Beverly Curtis, missionary to Hawaii</p> <p>NORWOOD Norwood Lee Fullmer, pastor Dec. 16 - All-church caroling at International Festival of Lights at the zoo 25 - Special Musical Service 31 - Youth Group at King's Island Winterfest Jan. 15 - Jacob Toews, missionary to Philippines</p> <p>OBERLIN Camden Calvin Searles, pastor Jan. 1 - Church New Year's Fellowship Film: "John Hus" 4 - Mr. Vern Miller, Wycliffe Bible Translator 21 - Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>ORANGE VILLAGE Bethlehem John Fleck, pastor Dec. 17, 18 - Holiday Family Musical, "Christmas In the Country" 25 - Don and Janet Krueger, special music Jan. 19 - Bethlehem Women for Missions</p> <p>PATASKALA Bethel Jan. 8 - Dr. William Brock State Repre- sentative 15 - Rev. Dennis Bollinger</p> <p>PORT CLINTON Grace Paul Margraff, pastor Dec. 16 - Adult Christmas Party 17 - Youth Christmas Party 18 - Christmas Program, "The Story of the Bells" 31 - Watch Night Service Jan. 1 - Film: "Rock, It's Your Decision"</p> <p>PORTSMOUTH Temple John Gowdy, pastor Dec. 18 - Cantata, "A King Comes" 25 - Sunday School Program, "Once Upon A Star" Candlelight Carol Sing</p>	<p>REYNOLDSBURG Eastbrook Robert Belt, pastor Dec. 18 - Cantata, "First Christmas" 25 - All-Sunday School special program Jan. 8 - Tom Farlow, ABWE missionary to Brazil 15 - Cedarville College Abundant Life Singers</p> <p>RITTMAN First Marvin Werbeach, pastor Dec. 18 - Christmas Program, "In All The World It's Christmas Night" 31 - New Year's Eve Service Film: "Ordinary Guy" Jan. 8 - Dave and Beverly Toro, missionaries to Australia</p> <p>SALEM Calvary Fred Robb, pastor January - month of last mortgage payment Jan. 18 - Rev. Dave Knudson, Home Missions under B.M.M. 28 - Cedarville College Swordbearers</p> <p>SANDUSKY Calvary James Jeffery, pastor Jan. 9 - Hosted Hebron Pastors' Fellowship 14 - J.O.Y. Ladies' Fellowship</p> <p>SPENCER First John McCourt, pastor Dec. 18 - Christmas Program 19 - Jr. Choir caroling 25 - Cantata, "God's Love Gift" Jan. 1 - Candlelight Service</p> <p>STREETSBORO Faith James Beckett, pastor Dec. 11 - Choir Christmas Program 13 - Ladies' Fellowship and cookie exchange 17 - Adult Christmas Dinner 18 - Sunday School Christmas program Jan. 1 - Film: "Heaven's Heroes"</p> <p>STRONGSVILLE First Wilbur Parrish, pastor Dec. 9 - Ladies' Missionary Christmas Banquet Spk: Wanda Gough, BMM to Australia 18 - Sunday School Christmas Program 21 - Choir Cantata</p> <p>STRUTHERS Struthers Temple Jerry Bell, pastor Dec. 25 - Film: "First Fruits" Jan. 15 - Dr. Austin Plew, FBHM president 29 - Charles Monroe, Ohio Baptist Chil- dren's Home and Family Ministries</p> <p>STRYKER First Dan Douglass, pastor Dec. 8 - Ladies' Fellowship Spk: LaVerne Geringer 11 - "Open House" at the parsonage Jan. 15 - Verne Kirby, B.M.M. in Alaska</p> <p>TALLMADGE First David Henry, pastor Jan. 12, 26 - Family Gym Nights 14 - Men's Prayer and work day</p> <p>TOLEDO Bethel Rod Niner, pastor Dec. 31 - Watch Night Service Jan. 8 - Cedarville College Swordbearers 15 - Began film series on family by John MacArthur</p>	<p>EMMANUEL Dec. 25 - Ernest Pickering, pastor One service but encouraged families to hold a worship service at home - gave guidelines and suggestions Jan. 8 - Rev. George Rich 11 - Ken Best, missionary appointee to Mormons 29 - Dr. Monroe Parker, evangelist</p> <p>GRACE Dec. 21 - Robert Perry, pastor Sunday School Christmas Program, "His Gift and Mine" and "A Gift For The Savior" 28, 29 - Youth Winter Retreat Jan. 1 - Don and Betty Teachout, mission- aries 8 - Film: "More Than A Champion"</p> <p>VAN WERT Faith Fred Jensen, pastor Dec. 25 - Special Church Family Christmas Night Service 31 - New Year's Eve Service 28-30 - Teen Snow Camp Jan. 2-8 - Week of Prayer 29 - All-church Fellowship COMING: Feb. 11 - Adult Fellowship</p> <p>WARREN Bethel Robert DeBoer, pastor Dec. 18 - Cantata, "Born To Die" 25 - Special evening service with carol singing and chalk drawing by pastor Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Service and Supper 17 - Ladies' Missionary Meeting Spk: Glenda McElhaney, Transworld Radio</p> <p>Champion Thomas Hughes, pastor Dec. 11 - Family Christmas craft project 18 - Kids' Korner Christmas Program Fellowship Christmas Dinner</p> <p>WESTERVILLE Grace Murray Ingerham, pastor Jan. 19 - Ladies' Missionary Fellowship Food shower for the Ditmar's, missionaries to Italy Spk: Sue Ingerham Feb. 11 - Valentine Banquet 17, 18 - Deacon's and Wives' Retreat</p> <p>COMING:</p> <p>WESTLAKE Grace Ralph Burns, pastor Jan. 2 - Churchwide Family ice-skating 15 - Gideon's Representative 22 - Chorale from Practical Bible Training School 28 - Family Film night - "Joni" 29 - Musical Request Night</p> <p>WHEELERSBURG Wheelerburg Max McCullough, pastor Dec. 18 - Cantata, "Christmas Rhapsody"</p> <p>WILLOWICK First Donald Leitch, pastor Dec. 4 - Cedarville College Swordbearers 29 - Tobagganing on Ice Social for young adults 31 - Watch Night Service Chalk Artist</p>
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A Word To Deacons - Members - (Maybe Pastors) Regarding The Change In The Hospitalization Plan

Churches who have their pastor and staff enrolled in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan (with Harold Green at Cedarville) have voted and now have been notified of the change in the Plan. Beginning January 20th, the coverage with Blue Cross/Blue Shield changes to the Blue Cross Gold Standard Alternate Plan.

We highlight 2 things regarding the new Plan -

1. The monthly rate is reduced for the family plan by \$27.60. This is a savings to the church.
2. This is a Major Medical Plan with a deductible (this is good) and a co-payment of the first \$1500.00.

This deduction for the family plus the co-payment can amount to \$1000.00 per year.

As can be seen, the church paying the pastor and family Hospital Insurance will save \$331.20 a year over the former plan.

But pastor could be paying out \$1000.00 per year.

Now, Churches and Deacons -

Some means should be made regarding this possible \$1000.00 per year by pastor (pray that he and his family remain totally healthy) or pastor's yearly benefit and income is reduced.

The easy answer is for the church to set aside \$1000.00 in an interest bearing account that can only be used toward the deduction and co-payment. (This area will need to be looked at carefully) - You could accumulate this fund by setting aside the \$27.60 per month saving until you reach the \$1000.00 mark. Whenever money is used out of this restricted fund, it will need to be replaced.

I trust you see this situation and will take appropriate action immediately.

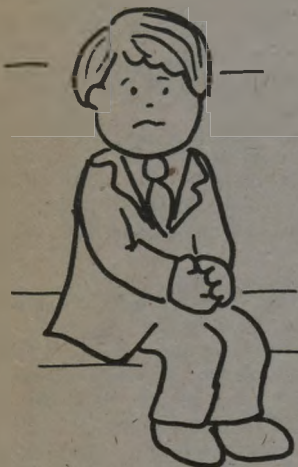
The new plan has some new advantages. Under the old plan, the deductible applied only to the major medical but the new plan is a medical plan which includes hospitalization and doctor costs.

We did want you to see and understand the situation.

THE BUTTON FAMILY FOR KIDS

by PATRICIA CONANT

The Winner



Mrs. Fogerty stood in front of the second grade Sunday School class. Bobby Button and the other children were anxiously waiting for her announcement.

For ten weeks, the primary department had been having a contest. The child who brought visitors, learned Bible verses and accumulated the most points would win a new Bible.

Mrs. Fogerty held a piece of paper in her hand. "The winner of our contest this quarter is Ryan Reed!" she announced. "Ryan had 49 points."

"Forty-nine points!" Bobby almost called aloud. Bobby had 54 points - he had counted them with Daddy every Sunday.

"Ryan's presentation will be made by Pastor Hobbs in the morning service," Mrs. Fogerty added. "Let's not forget to congratulate Ryan." He did a lot of hard work."

"Not as much work as me," thought Bobby.

Daddy was waiting for Bobby when class was over.

"What's wrong?" Daddy asked when he saw Bobby's long face. Bobby told Daddy what had happened.

"Sometimes mistakes like that do happen, Bobby," Daddy said. "If you'd like, we can talk to your teacher tomorrow."

"Tomorrow will be too late," Bobby cried.

"We're going to have to go in now or we're going to be late for the morning service," Daddy said.

The Button family listened as Pastor Hobbs called Ryan Reed to the front. Daddy put his arm around Bobby.

Pastor Hobbs told the congregation about all of the work Ryan had done to achieve his award. Then he handed Ryan the beautiful black Bible.

Ryan took the Bible and held it almost lovingly.

"Thank you," Ryan said, not taking his eyes off his new Bible.

"I've never had a Bible before," he continued. "I hope I can use it to tell my Mom and Dad about the Lord Jesus."

Bobby looked down at his own Bible. He felt sad for Ryan. He wondered what it would be like to have a mother and father who didn't know about the Lord.

Bobby pulled on Daddy's coat.

"I don't think we need to talk to Mrs. Fogerty," he whispered. "Ryan needs the prize more than me."

Daddy smiled and whispered in Bobby's ear. "That makes you a real winner."

The Bible says:

"Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."
Hebrews 10:24

Lancasters To Australia



Pastor & Mrs. K. Lancaster

Pastor and Mrs. Kirby Lancaster, Jr., and children, Kirby III and Rebecca, will be leaving from Port Columbus TWA Flight No. 456, Sunday, February 5th at 3:50 p.m. to the "land down under" where "Pastor Kirby" will be overseeing the Geelong Baptist Church, Geelong, Australia, a city of 122,000 population near Melbourne. He will be working with missionary pastors, seeking to form a fellowship of the local independent Baptist churches and preparing Bible school students to become pastors and leaders in churches now served by missionaries with the Association of Baptist for World

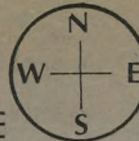
Evangelism and Baptist Mid-Missions.

"Pastor Kirby" has visited Australia twice previously; in 1976 while student at Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio, and in 1982 when he led an evangelistic-musical team of 16 students from the college on a six-weeks tour through the Melbourne and Victoria areas ministering in churches and schools.

Here in Lancaster, "Pastor Kirby" served for two years as youth pastor with Rev. B. C. Jennings who is now retired and resides with his wife Beulah at 1424 Wheeling Road. During the past five years until December 1st, "Pastor Kirby" was senior pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, 3007 Marietta Road. Pastor Lancaster and his wife Chris have thoroughly enjoyed their stay in the friendly, convenient Lancaster community and consider it "home" although both of them were raised in the Cincinnati area. "Pastor Kirby" is the son of Dr. and Mrs. R. Kirby Lancaster of Batavia, Ohio, and Chris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carstens of Williamsburg, Ohio. During the past three years, Chris has designed patterns and taught quilting at "A Stitch in Time."

All their many friends in this area are invited to Port Columbus on Sunday, February 5th at 3:50 p.m. to see them off to their new ministry in Australia.

CAMPUS COLLEGE COMPASS NEWS



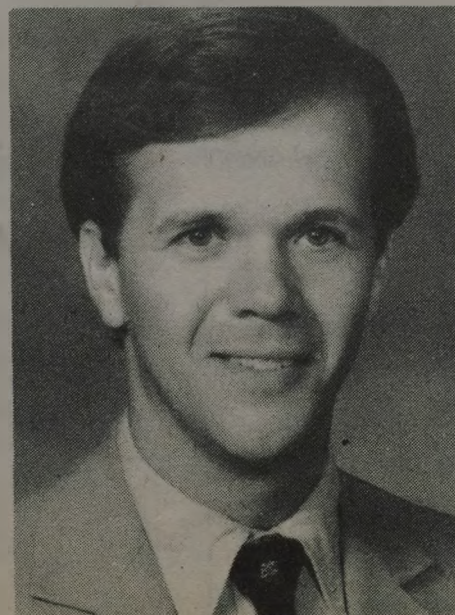
Cedarville College

Cedarville, Ohio 45314

FILM PREMIER

The newly released Christian film *Coach* premiered Friday, January 6 at 8 p.m. in the James T. Jeremiah Chapel at Cedarville College.

The leading character, Coach Linley, is played by Cedarville College's David Robey who is Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama.



Prof. David Robey

In this 78-minute, feature length film, a new basketball coach takes on an ununified team of argumentative, defeatist losers who call themselves Christians. As Lindley lives out the Christian life he claims, a struggle of human relationships ensues. Then, the coach takes his team to the mountains and to the rivers. Amidst the beauty of creation, he teaches them about excellence and instills in them what it takes to win in life as well as on the basketball court. Also in the film is a guest appearance and testimony by Bobby Jones, an NBA All-Star and member of the Philadelphia 76'ers.

Robey is in his third year at Cedarville. He holds a graduate degree from Bob Jones University and has been active in the field of Christian drama for 10 years. He is the author of two works: *Bridge of Blood: Taking Christ to the Aucas*, and *For His Cause: The Ministry and Martyrdom of John and Betty Stam*. Robey has toured nationally with these plays. He is Music Director at Washington Heights Baptist Church in Dayton, has performed with the Dayton Opera Association, and also gives Christian readings in area churches.

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES DECISION

Recent trustee directives made during winter meetings portend a bright future for Cedarville College. In announcing these in a recent chapel, President Dixon outlined four major decisions.

1. With the resignation of Charles Ross as vice-president of development, Dr. Martin Clark has been appointed vice-president of development elect.
2. Five new faculty will be sought to fill positions in the Bible, Business Administration, Education, Nursing and Science Departments.
3. New work/study funding of \$100,000 will be sought for the 1984-85 school year. These funds will provide 40 extra, on-campus jobs, plus a 15% raise in salary for

all student workers.

4. Williams Hall, formerly a dormitory but now renovated for offices and classrooms, will be reengineered to include new heating and air conditioning.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Dr. Hugh Hall, Director of Church Relations at Cedarville College, is urging pastors to plan now to attend the college's next Annual Pastors' Conference September 10-13.

"This conference promises to be one of the best we have ever offered," he says. He notes that the theme will be "Church Growth" and the featured speakers will be Dr. Dan Gelatt and Dr. Don Tyler. Additionally, there will be special sessions for choir directors, song leaders, and music personnel taught by such respected music faculty as Dr. David Matson, Dr. Lyle Anderson, Mr. Michael DiCuirci, and others.

Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary

1001 East Beltline Ave. N.E.
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49505

GRAND RAPIDS BAPTIST COLLEGE TEAMS TO TOUR

Two summer teams will tour this year representing the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary.

The ALIVE sports team (Athletics Living in View of Eternity) will visit eight week-long camps in Ohio, Wisconsin and Michigan. Six college men and women, including leader-seminarian Cal Clark, will minister through recreation, sports instruction, Bible study, evangelism and entertainment.

The Redemption Quartet, a men's musical foursome, will tour for twelve weeks through Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. They will minister at Scioto Hills (Ohio) and Camp Manitoumi (Illinois) for one week each and will spend a day at Crystal Lake (Indiana). The men will close their tour with a week-long evangelistic crusade at the Ken-Mant Tent Meeting near Greenville, MI. The Quartet still has a few openings. Inquiries may be made through the Ministries Office, Grand Rapids Baptist College, (616) 949-5300, ext. 307.

CAMPOLO TO LECTURE

Dr. Anthony Campolo, professor at the Eastern College, St. Davids, PA, will speak at the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary March 20-23. Dr. Campolo comes to the college through the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series. His topic for the week is "Social Concern, Social Action, Social Theory: The Biblical Mandate and Contemporary Practice."

GROUPS TO TRAVEL IN MARCH

Two of Grand Rapids College's large music groups will tour in March. Praise Singers, the 45-member women's chorus led by Orpha Galloway, will travel in Indiana March 14-18. The group, with faculty member Dr. Henry Osborn, will visit churches in Auburn, Delphi, and Mishawaka, among others.

The College Chorale will travel through at least three states: Minnesota (Rochester, Austin), Iowa (Waterloo, Dubuque), and Wisconsin (Milwaukee). The 45-Chorale members are led by Richard Stewart and will travel with Dr. Charles Wagner.

STUDENTS INVOLVED IN CAMPUS PROGRAMS

Early spring events for Grand Rapids Baptist College students include both new and annual activities. March will begin with a new idea, Siblings Weekend, on the 2nd and 3rd. College students will invite younger brothers and sisters ages eight and over to spend the weekend on campus.

College women will attend a newly developed Women's Seminar on March 10 which will include morning seminars, a luncheon, and an afternoon fashion show.

Two Artist Series events take place in March also. "Rabbi from Tarsus," a one-man drama depicting Paul the Apostle, is March 9. A band concert on March 23 will feature Amy Gusler as piano soloist in a "pops" type concert with table seating and refreshments.

During February, the students will enjoy the 25th annual Bible Conference (February 20-24) as well as a Missions Emphasis Week (February 27-March 2) with Dr. Viggo Olsen from Bangladesh. Earlier in the month, Bob and Pat Fischer from Arlington, Virginia, will minister at the Sweethearts Banquet on February 10.

Western Baptist College

5000 Deer Park Dr. S.E., Salem, OR. 97302

Western Baptist College is pleased to announce the selection of 21 students for the 1984 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. These students have been selected on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Students named this year from Western Baptist College are: Mrs. Cle Ella Bellshaw, Mr. Jeffery James, Miss Dolly McGinnis, Mr. Les Faires, Miss Pamela Fallon, Mr. Terry Lee Morrow, Mr. Brian Elliott, Mr. Robert McVaugh, Miss Cindy Fuls, Mr. Patrick Meloy, Mr. Neal A. Boliou, Mrs. Sara B. Glaser, Mr. John B. Lloyd, Miss Shelia L. McAdams, Mr. David McGinnis, Mr. James D. Morris, Miss Laura M. Munson, Mrs. Alison M. Robertson, Mr. Timothy Seiber, Miss Debbie L. Shipley and Mr. Martin C. Trammell.

The winter quarter at Western Baptist College was inaugurated with the annual Winter Bible Conference which featured Rev. Jim Godwin of Richland, WA as guest speaker.

Student enrollment at Western Baptist College for the winter quarter, 1984 continues to be encouraging since the normal 15% attrition rate between quarters did NOT OCCUR. Enrollment currently stands at 276 which represents an attrition rate of only 2%.

Faith Baptist Bible College

1900 n.w. Fourth St. Ankeny, IA. 50021

CHRISTIAN SERVICE UPDATE

Each semester FBBC students become actively involved in local church ministries and put into practice the knowledge gained in the classrooms. The following statistics have been recorded for the fall semester: tracts distributed - 2,986, personal visitation calls - 938, telephone visitation calls - 184, sermons preached - 165, lessons taught - 633, Bible studies or devotions given - 308, special music - 763, persons spoken to about salvation - 546, persons counseled - 394, persons professing salvation - 60, and Bible and gospel portions distributed - 126.

We praise God for the results He has given from the application of Biblical

principles to the lives of the students involved in Christian service.

BREAKING FREE IN '83 REPORT

As of December 30, 1983, 667 individuals and 15 churches have committed 1227 units (\$122,700) and to date \$108,170.84 has been received for the program. Donations received after December 31 will be receipted to OWE NO MORE IN '84, unless specified.

SPRING TOURS

The Concert Band, Chorale, Ladies Handbell Choir and the Joy of Life Singers, a mixed quintet, will be presenting musical concerts during the spring break, March 16-26, 1984. Concerts are scheduled for the following states: Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming. Check the FAITH WITNESS for locations of concerts in your area.

News From Piedmont

Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, added the final piece of another city block to its campus property with the purchase of the pastorium of Salem Baptist Church. The structure was built by Dr. Charles H. Stevens, founder and first president of the College, and was the home of the Stevens family for 41 years. It has been appropriately named Grace Hall in honor of Grace Weaver Stevens, wife of Dr. Stevens and co-worker in the earlier years of the institution. Mrs. Stevens was a member of the original faculty and served variously as supervisor of the dining hall, registrar, supervisor of dean of women, and acted as general hostess for the college.

Dr. Ruth C. Haycock, Chairman of the Christian Elementary School Education Department, has completed a three-week mission to the Philippines, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Honolulu for the Associ-

ation of Christian Schools International during November. She conducted group seminars and sessions with teachers and administrators as well as one to one sessions. In Hong Kong she addressed Chinese seminary students several times on the Biblical basis for Christian schools and held seminars for teachers on all levels.

The annual Candlelight Carols program featured the combined Chapel Choir and College Chorale, college instrumentalists, and guest musicians, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hamilton.

The Piedmont Alumni Homecoming and Mid-Winter Bible Conference, January 23 through 26, features Dr. Paul Lee Tan, a leading authority on current trends and eschatology; Dr. Lehman Strauss, well-known Bible teacher, conference speaker and radio minister; and Dr. Walter Yoho, the newest faculty member to join Piedmont's Bible Department.

"It's The Best Kept Secret"

A campus visitor said, "You need to tell the Piedmont story, push the quality of work, and distinctives . . . you have an exciting ministry here, and I would like to be a part of it."

We really aren't trying to keep secrets from anyone!

- * IT IS NO SECRET that we have some **top-notch students** on our campus--students **wholly committed** to getting the best training possible in preparation for a **lifetime of service** to Jesus Christ.
- * IT IS NO SECRET that we have dedicated, **well-qualified faculty** with **practical experience** in their disciplines, willing to spend time preparing for classes, dealing with student problems, and going the extra mile to encourage and help.
- * IT'S NO SECRET that we are "**the red brick campus**"--well-built brick buildings, air-conditioned for summer, **centrally located** to downtown Winston-Salem.
- * IT'S NO SECRET that Piedmont offers the **Bachelor of Science degree in Christian Elementary School Education**, in **Music Education** or a combination **Christian Elementary/Special Education**; the **Bachelor of Theology Pastoral** major with the option of a **Missions** or **Youth Ministry** minor or a dual **Th.B. and Missionary Aviation** major; the **Bachelor of Religious Education** with minors in **Administration**, **Missions**, or **Youth Leadership**; and the **Bachelor of Music** with the option of a pastoral assistant emphasis or Christian school emphasis.
- * In addition there are several **non-degree options**—three-year Christian Workers' Diploma, One-Year Bible, Evening and Extension courses.
- * Piedmont is **chartered** by North Carolina Department of Education, **Accredited** by the American Association of Bible Colleges and holds **membership** in the Association of Christian Schools International.
- * IT IS NO SECRET that **missions** and **evangelism** are strongly em-

phasized and practiced at Piedmont.

- * IT IS CERTAINLY NO SECRET that **Bible is the hub** of every curriculum. Forty-four to sixty-seven semester hours of Bible are required at Piedmont as opposed to the thirty to forty in other Bible colleges.

- * Piedmont is small enough (400+) to give **individual attention** to students and to provide a **variety** of academic and extra-curricular activities.

- * It may not be as well-known that the **cost** to attend PBC is competitive and lower than many. **Employment opportunities** (full and part-time) are excellent in Winston-Salem.

- * WE DON'T WANT TO KEEP SECRET the fact that **75 percent** of our graduates go into **vocational Christian service**. Piedmont graduates are working on every continent and many islands, pastoring churches at home, serving as church musicians, directors of church education, Christian school teachers and administrators, administering and teaching in Christian colleges, writing church literature, working as chaplains in hospitals, prisons, and the armed forces, plus a host of other full-time Christian ministries.

- * IT IS NO SECRET that Piedmont is Baptist and Premillennial.

- * IT IS NO SECRET that we have an **annual College Day** for junior and senior highers on **President's Day Monday** in February. In 1984 the date is February 20th.

- * **Catalogs and literature** are available to you simply by writing: Registrar, Piedmont Bible College, 716 Franklin Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101-5197, or phoning the Registrar, (919) 725-8344

* THAT'S THE STORY OF OUR FAMILY AND IT IS NO LONGER A SECRET BECAUSE WE TOLD YOU!

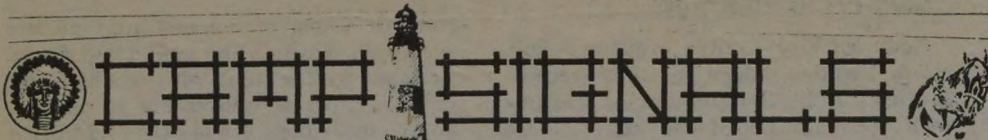
* Now that you **know** our secrets why not visit us?

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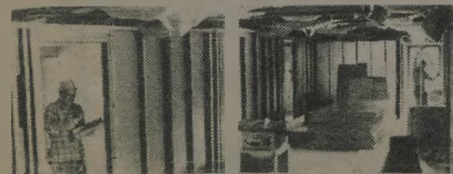


SURF SPLASHINGS FROM CAMP PATMOS

Director of Camp Patmos, Mr. Russell Clark is available to present the ministry of Camp Patmos in the churches. This presentation is flexible from a report in a regular service to a visual type presentation. He may be contacted at 3139 Woonsocket, Springfield, 45503. His telephone number is (513) 399-9543.

SMOKE SIGNALS FROM SCIOTO HILLS

LODGE REPORT



The new motel-lodge on the grounds of Scioto Hills Reservation is nearing completion. We praise the Lord for all those who have graciously given of themselves and their resources to this project. Over 35 weeks of work on the lodge has come from retired individuals. We thank the Lord for the willing service of these dear folks. Facilities are available for any retired people to come stay a day, week, month or however long they wish, as they give of their service to the Lord and the camp. Contact Gary Storm or John Battaglia at the camp for further details.

A SPECIAL THANKS



A special word of appreciation and thanks goes to the men from Calvary Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ohio. These men came down to the camp for a work day and cut, split, and hauled enough wood for the 7 wood burners at Scioto Hills to be supplied ALL winter!! If you and your church would be interested in helping the ministry of the camp in this special way, contact John Battaglia, Maintenance Director of Scioto Hills Reservation.

NARBC MEETING REPORT



Sixteen camps from our nation were represented at the National Association of Regular Baptist Camps meeting held at Scioto Hills Reservation October 31 - November 3. Special fellowship and encouraging challenges were enjoyed by these representatives from 12 states. The camps represented were:

Glendawn
Pamadeva
New Life Island
Higher Ground
Slippery Rock
Lake Ann
Northfield
Manitoumi
Fairwood
Bayouca
Crystal Lake
Mammoth Spring
Shalom Lake
Patmos
Skyview
Scioto Hills

Washington
Pennsylvania
New Jersey
Alaska
Pennsylvania
Michigan
Massachusetts
Illinois
Wisconsin
New York
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Saddle Sayings From SKYVIEW RANCH

SKYVIEW SUMMER 1984 SCHEDULE

July 2-7	Family	David Warren, Cedarville, OH
July 9-14	Teens	Baptist Bible College Team
July 16-21	Juniors	Tom Benefiel, BMM Brazil
July 23-28	Teens	Randall Tate, Fairborn, OH
July 30 - Aug. 4	Juniors	William Moser, Ashland, OH
Aug. 6-11	Juniors	Dennis Henderson Jamestown, OH
Aug. 13-18	Family	William Russell, Millersburg, OH
Aug. 20-25	Singles	John Gowdy, Portsmouth, OH

SKYVIEW SPONSORED WINTER RETREATS

Feb. 17-19	Single Adults
Mar. 2-3	Teens
Mar. 9-10	Juniors
Cost:	

Juniors and teens \$15.00, per couple \$25.00
Singles \$25.00 (two days)
Includes all meals plus a horseride. Registration begins 7 p.m. on Friday with a snack later in the evening.

To register:

Send \$5.00 per person to:
Skyview Ranch
Rt. 6, Box 115
Millersburg, OH 44654

Seven Wonders Of The Word

1. The wonder of its formation - the way it grew is one of the mysteries of time.
2. The wonder of its unification - a library of 66 books, yet one book:
3. The wonder of its age - most ancient of all books.
4. The wonder of its sale - best seller of any book.
5. The wonder of its interest - only book in world read by all classes.
6. The wonder of its language - written largely by uneducated men, yet the best from literacy standpoint.
7. The wonder of its preservation - the most hated of all books, yet it continues to exist. "Thy Word of God shall stand forever."

The Bible In Verse

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Genesis

In the beginning God created the earth,
And then He made man of superior worth.
But Adam fell down from his exalted place
And caused the ruin of the whole race.

Violence began to mar God's plan
Until it grieved His heart that He had made
man.

For Cain and his like continued to shed blood,
Until God sent upon them that terrible flood.

But Noah obeyed God and built an ark,
And took his family in out of the dark.
When the waters ceased from earth's broken
fountain,
The ark came to rest on Ararat's mountain.

Then men decided very religious to be,
And built a tower that was something to see.
But God came down and broke their relations,
And sent them forth to establish the nations.

Now God took a man out from all the rest
And promised that he and his seed would be
blessed,
Along with all who on them blessing would
disperse-
And curses on them who His people would
curse.

God had promised Abraham to give him a son,
But now he was old and yet twas not done.
Both he and Sarah were nearing an hundred,
And when Isaac was born all mankind
wondered.

Then Isaac begat Jacob who fathered twelve
sons,
And Joseph the dreamer was the favorite one.
His brethren hated him and into Egypt they
sold,
The one who later saved both young and old.

Matthew

The Book of Matthew presents Jesus Christ as
Israel's rightful king.

"Glory to God in the Highest" at His birth
the angels did sing.

The Birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise
the Word of God did begin.
Called His name Jesus for He will save His
people from sin.

"The King of the Jews was born!" The Wise
men asked, "Can you tell us where?"
They found Him and presented gifts - gold,
frankincense and myrrh.

But being warned of God returned home
another way,
And Herod became angry and the young
children did slay.

Jesus went to Jordan to be baptized by a
preacher named John.

He fasted forty days in the wilderness
then the Devil came along.

"Command these stones to be turned to bread"
the tempter to Jesus said -

"By God's Word shall man live," said Jesus
"and not alone by bread."

Jesus called twelve Apostles to be with
Him where He went.

And when He had trained them, to the world
they were sent.

When the Sermon on the Mount was preached
they were on hand,

And heard Him tell about building on the
rock or the sand.

"Thou son of David have mercy on us" - the
blind men raised their cries,
They believed that He was able, so He touched
them and opened their eyes.

Jesus likened the kingdom of heaven to a
farmer sowing seed

When it fell on good ground it brought forth
abundantly indeed

"Who do men say that I am?" Jesus asked His
disciples one day.

"John the Baptist, Jeremiah or Elijah - but
what do you fellows say?"

"Thou art Christ son of the living God,"
Peter said he believed.

"That was not revealed by flesh and blood,
but from my Father it was received."

The kingdom of heaven was likened to a feast
a king had made for his son.

The guests invited made light of it, caring not
what the king had done.

Into the highways they were sent, and the
wedding was furnished with guests.

A man who came with no wedding garment on,
when the king arrived was distressed.

"Tell us," they asked, "when you will return,
and this world come to an end?"

The gospel will be preached in all the world,
on this you can depend.

Many will say that they are Christ but do not
be deceived.

Watch, for you do not know the hour;
deceivers cannot be believed.

"What will you give me, Mr. High Priest?"
Judas did covetously ask,

Thirty pieces of silver was agreed upon,
and he deceitfully went at the task.

Then they laid hands on Him, and to the
High Priest they led

The spotless Lamb of God, with a crown of
thorns on His head.

O My Father, forgive them for they know not
what they do,
As on the rugged cross He died for me and
for you.

"He is not here to the anxious women," the
gardener said -

As on the first day of the week our Lord arose
from the dead.

Lincoln Champions A Song

During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln and his wife attended the second anniversary meeting of the Christian Commission in February 1864 at the House of Representatives Chambers. At the close, Chaplain C. McCabe, who had been a prisoner in the Confederate Libby Prison at Winchester, Va., sang a song he had taught the prisoners during the War: "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and in which the audience joined in the chorus. Before the last notes died away, a voice was heard requesting that it be sung

again. It was the voice of none other than the President. The audience stood as it joined in singing the chorus and as Lincoln sang, tears streamed down his cheeks. He had Chaplain McCabe sing it again at the White House during a reception and on other occasions.

When President Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865, the Chaplain sang this beloved hymn at the funeral service in Chicago and again in Springfield where Lincoln was buried.



ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

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The local church is the final voice of authority for its missionary. Mission agencies such as Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Baptist Mid-Missions, Evangelical Baptist Missions, Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, Galilean Baptist Missions and Continental Baptist Missions do not have missionaries nor do they send them out. These responsibilities belong only to the local church and every missionary under their boards belong to some Baptist church.

Why then are there mission agencies when the missionary with whom they are working doesn't even belong to them? What is the agency's relationship with the local church? These are very important questions which your author deals with repeatedly in his travels. The only reason for the existence of the above mentioned mission agencies is to be of service to churches in helping them carry out their missions programs. Each of the GARBC approved mission agencies simply represents a service agency. There is no other reason for their existence except to be used by the churches. Why then do they exist? The answer is:

There are functions that a mission agency can handle far easier than some local churches. Some of the things that come to mind are: assistance in deputation, medical needs, visas and other necessary papers, recognition by foreign governments, channeling support monies to missionaries, providing funds in emergencies such as evacuation or sickness.

Mission agencies are vitally important when they function properly. The authority of the local church must always be recognized and never be infringed upon. This is the position of the GARBC approved mission agencies.

Jim and Sandy Brock were called by God to Niger, West Africa many years ago. They felt led by the Lord to go out under Evangelical Baptist Missions. God blessed the faithful ministry of this dedicated couple and today they have the wonderful joy of seeing two of their own sons in missions under the same mission agency. James II and his wife Kathy are appointees for the field of Benin, West Africa. Kathy wrote in her testimony, "It was in my sophomore year of college that I met and fell in love with Jim Brock, the dear godly man who was to become my future husband. We dated for three years and Jim made it clear that if I married him, we would be going to the field of Benin, West Africa. This was the answer to the geographical location I had been seeking." You see, Kathy, too, was an MK. She was born and raised in Nigeria. Her parents were with another mission board.

The other Brock son is Dan. He and his wife Heidi have been approved for short-term missionary service in Benin. Speaking of his life as an MK in Africa, Dan wrote, "My folks gave us responsibilities in the work, and it showed us the great need . . . As I continued to grow in the Lord, Dad gave me the opportunity to preach in the national Baptist churches that were established under their ministry."

What better place is there to train future missionaries than right in the home while they are growing up? This is what happened to Jim and Dan Brock.

The Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions continues with its program of graduating churches. To add to their growing list of graduations are: Open Door Baptist Church, Woodstock, New York; Maranatha Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois; Faith Baptist Church, Wilshire Hills, Ohio.

The heart of the ministry of the missionaries from all the mentioned sister agencies is evangelizing and church planting. Missionaries sent out by churches to reproduce on the mission field the churches they represent is their goal. Reproduction of its kind is the Biblical plan for missions. This home mission agency is endeavoring to carry out that principle.

Patsy King is a missionary under Baptist Mid-Missions serving in the Central African Republic. In one of her recent prayer letters, Patsy gave a report of some of her activities for the past seven months.

"Fed 274 guests; visited 310 in hospital and 169 village visits; 31 professions of salvation; 108 restorations (through personal contacts). I spent a week in the bush for a girls' camp where 16 professed Christ and 15 returned to fellowship. The fellows' camp reports (incomplete) 30 believed and 18 returned to fellowship. Other reports (incomplete) for AWANA: 218 professions; 154 restorations; through the women's work (incomplete): 268 professions, 335 restorations; through the dispensary: 86 professions, 8 restorations. Also I have given many hours teaching Bible school classes, typing lessons, Sango lessons, writing lessons, translation work as well as work in the pharmacy and a month's orientation to a MAP-er."

Patsy is an excellent missionary who represents her supporting churches well on the mission field.

Rev. Joel Kettenring, Field Administrator for Baptist Mid-Missions, has just returned from a trip to Bangladesh. He reports the purchase of eight and one-half acres of land in the northwest part of the country. It is located on a main highway that runs from Nator to Dacca. Architectural plans are completed for three-phase plan for a 70-bed hospital. Frank Patterson, who had spearheaded the establishment of this work in Bangladesh, is excited about the contacts he has been able to make. As of this writing, Frank has daily Bible classes with two men, the first two converts in this ministry.

THIRTY SQUASH GIVEN TO GOD . . . "Poverty-stricken" and "war-torn" describe the country of Chad, Africa. The people have suffered greatly, particularly the Christian community. There is not a day without fighting and brutality somewhere in the fragmented nation.

In the midst of this turbulence, God's people are feverishly at work trying to reach as many of their own countrymen as possible. One of their priorities has become the work of translating God's Word. A recent communication from Dr. David Seymour illustrates this.

Because of the delay in the nearly defunct Chadian mailing system, Dr. Dave's letter written on October 17, 1983, was not received in Baptist Mid-Missions' home office until mid-December. He said, "Sunday, September 16, was a day dedicated to bring gifts for the translation workshop in Sarh. Some 18,000 francs in cash were collected (about \$45.00), 2½ sacks of peanuts, a sack of millet, 30 squash, and a variety of other things. It was felt that this was a good response, since it is the second offering of its kind since the translation committee started working."

Truly this is an example of the principle of the widow's mite. The dear Chadian people gave out of practically nothing, but a combined effort of their love and devotion accomplished much for the glory of the Lord. People with so very little, giving so very much. Does this do the same thing in your heart as it does in mine? Even some of the poorest here in America have more than some of the richest over there. May God challenge our hearts as to how much we are really giving to Him.

From Association of Baptists for World Evangelism comes news about their newest field, Kenya, East Africa. In that country there is a baby born every 45 seconds. Some 17.5 million people dwell in an area about the size of Texas. Kenya has the fastest population growth rate per capita in the world.

Protestant missionaries first came to Kenya over 100 years ago. But many of the churches that were started long ago have allowed apostasy to destroy their message. Fundamental churches are now scarce. Some mission boards have established schools or headquarters in Kenya, but church planting efforts are few. Pentecostalism abounds.

The Kenyan government is open to mission work. The Kenyans themselves show an openness toward the gospel. Their hearts yearn for religion. Unreached people of Kenya include Blacks, Asians and Whites. Seventy-nine different tribes populate the area. Religious groups include Christians, Muslims and animists.

ABWE entered Kenya in mid-June of 1983. One veteran missionary couple lives in Karatina in the foothills of Mount Kenya to work among the Kikuyu tribe. Another couple is in language school in the capital city of Nairobi. A third couple appointed to Kenya is raising support in the States.

Kenya is the twentieth ABWE field to open. It is the fourth African field. As in other mission fields, so also in Kenya, ABWE's purpose is clear: to bring to Kenyans the message of salvation and to plant churches that will reproduce.

There is an increasing interest being focused on retirees for missionary service. Can retired men have an active part in missionary work? The ministry of Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions would suffer greatly if it were not for the help of retired pastors and lay people. Retired pastors are serving a number of fields as interim missionary pastors, sometimes holding the work together until a full-time missionary can be secured for the field, or sometimes filling in for a missionary who is sick or out on the deputation trail reporting to his supporting churches. The experience that these men have had equips them well to step into situations that would pose a problem to a younger man.

Missionary builders are being greatly assisted in their ministry by retired men who already have just the skills needed. The FBHM printer is enjoying the professional help of a retired graphics arts man. Retirees have even moved to a new field with a view of helping the missionary plant a new church there. We thank the Lord for these men whose dedication and desire to be involved in the Lord's work has filled many needy areas in the ministry of home missions.

Well, there you have this month's On Target With Missions - - from the sacrificial giving of Chadian believers providing the Word of God for their people to ABWE's new work in Kenya to the tremendously important contribution that retired pastors and laymen can be to missions - - a wonderful variety but a down-to-earth look at what is happening in missions.

Oaks Or Squashes

by Dr. James T. Jeremiah
in Light for Living.

A new student once asked a college president if he didn't have a shorter course to offer. He replied, "That depends upon what you want to make of yourself. When God makes an oak, He takes a century. When he makes a squash, three months will do." One reason why the churches of this country have so many squashes and so few oaks in the pews, pulpits, and the mission field lies right here. We either fail in waiting on the Lord or we do not use time to honor Him. By the way, if you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400, carried no balance from day to day, allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and every evening canceled whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day, what would you do? Well, cheer up. Every person on the face of the earth has such a bank. Its name is "TIME." Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night, it rules off, as lost, whatever you failed to invest to a good purpose. It carries over no balance; it allows no overdrafts. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

The need for spiritual investment and the irretrievable nature of time remind us of several meaningful Scriptures. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12. Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4) Paul suggests how we make the best use of time: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore, be yet not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:15-17) Remember, the time you have today you will never see tomorrow. As you prepare

for eternity, use time wisely. Be an oak -- not a squash!

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News Briefs From The Churches

BEREA

A note of congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. Earl Willetts - 60 years - That's right - Pastor and Mrs. Willetts observed their 60th wedding anniversary - a wonderful landmark - As the Berea bulletin says, "We think they should write a book."

BROOKSIDE -Cleveland Anniversary Year Completed

With the completion of November, came the completion of a great Anniversary year for Pastor and People of Brookside Baptist Church.

It all began on Sunday, March 6, with the 20th anniversary of Brookside's relocation and dedication of a new church in Seven Hills (March, 1963). This was followed by the 10th anniversary of the mortgage burning of the new church on Sunday, March 13 (March, 1973).

May and June were celebration months for Pastor O'Keefe; his 40th graduation-anniversary from Baptist Bible Seminary and entrance into his first pastorate in Spartansburg, PA (May, 1943 and June, 1943 respectively).

On Sunday, November 6, Pastor celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination into the Gospel ministry (November, 1943) and finally, on November 13, final celebration of the year was a climactic one, to say the least! On that day, after a splendid dinner, the deacons and their wives, representing the members and friends of the church, honored Pastor and Mrs. O'Keefe with some lovely gifts. To Mrs. O'Keefe was given a monogrammed gold pen and pencil set; to Pastor, a monogrammed gold pocket watch and knife set; and to both, over \$1000 for airfare to San Francisco

for a 14-day visit with Pastor's sister and brother-in-law, Harriet and Harlan Rahilly, whom he has not visited for 23 years.

What a day! What a church! What a God! Rev. William Russell, one of Brookside's own sons and the first to be ordained (1955) under Pastor O'Keefe, was the guest speaker of the day.

But now, Pastor and People anticipate an even greater year in the work of the ministry (Eph. 4:12) through our program of "Reaching More in 84!"

CALVARY - Salem

The last building mortgage payment of Calvary was made this month. A mortgage burning service is planned during the Easter season. They look now to accomplish some needed work on and around the building.

WHIPPLE AVENUE - Canton

On January 7th, Whipple Avenue again reminded their members that this was the birthday of their oldest member, Mrs. Orman. Her age - 102. Mrs. Orman was featured last year in an article in the O.I.B. *

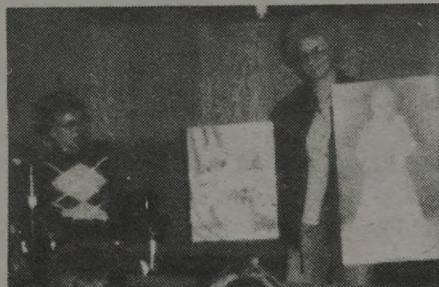
GRACE - Minford

November 20, 1983, Pastor Ramsey and the people of Grace celebrated the 24th anniversary of the church. Rather than feasting, celebration and hoopla, they observed a day of fasting and prayer. Each believer was encouraged to fast. The day began with an hour Deacon prayer meeting. Each Bible School class was encouraged to spend some time in prayer. The morning meeting was geared to prayer and spiritual revival. At one o'clock there was a general prayer session for everyone. Three o'clock was a special time of prayer with special emphasis such as Sunday School, youth, missions, etc. Five o'clock was another general prayer session and the day closed with the regular evening service and a prayer theme.

WHEELERSBURG



Mrs. Peggy Perdas was recognized for ten years of faithful and dedicated service as the secretary of the Wheelersburg Baptist Church. She was given a plaque and a flower arrangement in honor of her labors in the morning service.



Miss Nancy Rae Litteral shared her testimony with the girls of the Wheelersburg Baptist Church AWANA Clubs. Miss Litteral, a member of the church, became a quadriplegic through a car accident in high school. Nancy shared her testimony and showed a number of her paintings.

Miss Litteral is an accomplished artist who paints with her mouth. She shared that she has given her talents to the Lord and uses the funds from her painting to help send the gospel throughout the world. Needless to say, the girls of the club were really challenged to give themselves totally to the Lord.

CEDAR HILL - Cleveland

From the December 13th bulletin of Cedar Hill comes this announcement: "Dr. John Balyo's mother was 100 years old on Christmas Day . . . Her address is Mrs. Etta Balyo, c/o Mrs. Raymond Reed, 1240 Lanier Blvd. N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30306."

Northeast Pastors Meet

The Northeast Ohio (NEO) Pastor's Fellowship continues to meet monthly. The December meeting was held on December 12 in Unionville for both men and their wives with Pastor Marvin Werbeach, Rittman, as guest speaker and his wife Ellen providing special music. Thirty-three attended and enjoyed the noon dinner hour together. The January meeting was held at Bible Baptist Church in North Madison with host pastor, Roland Globig, bringing the message and lunch enjoyed in an area restaurant. The February meeting will be held at Chardon Baptist Church on February 13 with Pastor Ross DeFelice speaking. Chairman of the NEO Fellowship is Roland Globig.

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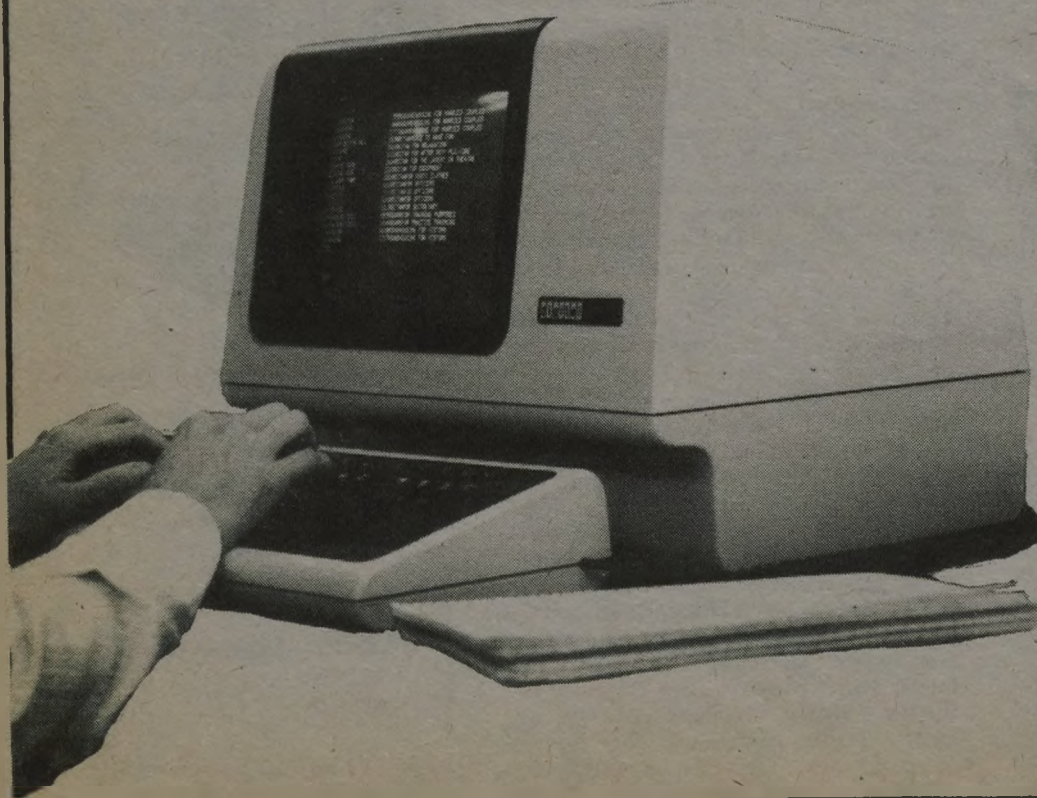
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